

Book Review

TRACE ELEMENTS IN HUMAN AND ANIMAL NUTRITION

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Information which has been acquired in recent years has thrown much light on certain disease conditions of persons and animals which were formerly poorly understood. The discovery of the various vitamins and their place in nutrition and health has done much to elucidate many conditions which heretofore were puzzling indeed.

In the same way, the influence of so-called trace elements, such as iron and copper, iodine, etc., elements which are contained in the food of man and animals in relatively small amounts, is becoming better understood. The author of the book under review has brought within a volume of approximately 400 pages the highlights of information in this particular field, whether it refers to man or animals. As a textbook for veterinary students and practitioners it should be an extraordinarily useful volume. The contents are systematically arranged and the subjects dealt with in an interesting and helpful manner.

In general, the scheme followed is to give the historical background referable to one element and continue with other factors relating thereto, such as the clinical manifestations of deficiencies, etc. The illustrations are helpful and well chosen and what is also of importance is that they are printed on a type of paper which gives sharp definition. This volume can be highly recommended to all persons having occasion to interest themselves in problems related to trace elements.

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